

GAYNOR AS EDITOR GIVES EPICTETUS SOME HARD JOLTS

Not a Line Except Title Page
Escapes His Pencil and
Full Review.

CHANGES EVEN COVER.

Wanted 'Em All in Volume
Until Publisher Said It
Couldn't Be Done.

The first copy of the collection of letters of Mayor William J. Gaynor to come from the binder's was sent to the Mayor at St. James to-day. When he dropped it in the mail, W. B. Northrup, the editor, looked back and took a long, rueful sigh. He has had his own troubles with the book. He was just about as much editor as the Mayor's various City Commissioners and they are the heads of their departments—at times when the Mayor differs from their ideas.

The cover of the book bears the title, "Mayor Gaynor's Letters and Speeches." The publishers expect to hear from the Mayor about that title. But the edition is off the press and can't be changed. The proof of the cover was not shown to the Mayor. He revised the title page, though. Originally it was like the cover. But the Mayor changed it. The title page reads:

"SOME OF
MAYOR GAYNOR'S LETTERS AND
SPEECHES."
MAYOR INSISTED ON PRINTING
ALL THE LETTERS.

Various students of the Gaynor output of literature have from time to time voiced the suspicion that the Mayor did not compose his own letters as a letter writer. Those who have watched Mr. Northrup in his labors of collecting a representative series of the letters found some basis for this opinion.

Mayor Gaynor was not satisfied to have Mr. Northrup go through the files of the Mayor's office and take such letters as he liked and print them. Not a bit of it. He insisted on seeing only the final selection, but the printer's copy from which the letters that Mr. Northrup thought the most interesting were culled. He reproved the editor severely for leaving out numerous letters. He said that no compendium of his letters must be given to the world with any intimation that it was complete unless it comprised every letter he ever wrote and every speech he ever made. Hence the words "Some Of" on the title page.

Convinced that the republishing of his full file would fill a series of volumes the bulky for general reading he reluctantly submitted to a screening process. But he bowed to it. His letter about Dr. Northrup did not differ in any way from his letter about Rabbi Wise; one said just as much about his way of conducting a campaign as the other. But they are both in the book because the Mayor would not have either of them left out.

FROM "FIRST LETTER" TO "CON-
DITIONS OF NEW YORK."
From "The First Letter as Mayor" through his letter to A. Carnegie on "Unpleasant Spelling," and another to a hanged rabbi, entitled "Are You Sure It Is Your Death?" to his speech on "Conditions in New York," he went over every one of his letters and changed them. The Mayor's office staff became busy on the subject of the volume, because it was hard to get the Mayor's attention on important letters and papers.

When the final selection had been winnowed out Mr. Northrup left the result in manuscript on the Mayor's desk. He called for it after three days while the Mayor was out. He had no idea the Mayor had done more than look it over. But he found pencilled corrections on every page. He also found that there had been a storm of verbal castigation by a stenographer. Then, the Mayor found, had changed the "hanged rabbi" of Lincoln to "only language."

When Mr. Northrup undertook the work he had no idea that the book would be made a part of a municipal campaign. He got a letter of introduction from his friend, Joseph Johnson, to the Mayor and intended to get it out early last summer. But the double editing took a lot of time, and it now appears just two days before the September 15 to wait on the Mayor on the steps of the City Hall and demand that he be a candidate for re-election.

Mr. Northrup has told his friends that he has reason to believe that the Mayor disapproved his displeasure to his office because his letters were filed more by date and were not indexed and numbered under such titles as "Kind words to a Policeman," "Red Mitten," "A Lacy Clerk," etc.

— **Shortcuts to See Hinkins.**
WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—Francis Marion Harrison, Governor General of the Philippines, who will sail from San Francisco on Sept. 10, called on Secretary Bryan to-day, who arranged for him an interview with the Emperor of the latter part of this month. Mr. Harrison expects to reach Manila on 8, eight days before the convening of the Philippine Legislature.

The Evening World's and Welfare Association's City-Wide Series of Better Babies' Contests

Real Labor Day for the Registrars

Enrolling Babies Who Want Prizes



**Mothers Thronging the
Stations on the Closing
Day to Place Their Lit-
tle Ones in the Contest,
and They Will Be Given
a Chance If It Takes All
Night.**

This is sure some Labor Day for the mothers that are taking their babies to the various registration offices in the baby contest conducted jointly by the Evening World and the Baby's Welfare Association. And some day of labor, too, for those who have charge of the registering.

But it was glorious labor watching the fond mothers and their babes rush into the offices at the eleventh hour. The making of "bump early and avoid the rush" didn't apply in these quarters. And there were no "turn downs" either, for who doesn't love a baby and who wouldn't do everything in the world to give that baby a chance? Every mother who called, and many came late, was accommodated.

Saturday afternoon there was a continuous stream of mothers and babes flowing into the registration offices. Many a mother neglected her work and week-end shopping to enter her baby, and along about 3 o'clock in the afternoon the registrars were taxed to their capacity.

At Greenwich House the total at 4 o'clock Saturday was 48, and those in charge announced that they would work during the night to accommodate the entrants. Greenwich House has been the scene of many interesting little incidents. About 3 o'clock Saturday a mother who said she hadn't taken her baby into the country since the child, four years old, was born called.

"If baby wins," explained the mother to the lady in charge, "we'll both go into the country for a month's stay. Baby's grandmothers—both of them—have fine places in the country, and if she wins a prize we are going to stay two weeks at my mother's house and two weeks at my husband's mother's house. It's up to us to win."

At the Warren Goddard House the total entries late Saturday afternoon were 36, and the registrars say there isn't a defective baby in the collection. That will make the work of judging easy, perhaps.

At the Hartley House the list climbed up to 479 entrants, and it'll be another case of hard work to pick the winners here, for those in charge say every baby is perfect without exception.

The Little Italy House, Brooklyn, recorded a registration of 256 babies, the total up to 5 o'clock Saturday night. After to-day the last stage of the race will have been run, and the judges will enter into their work. It behooves all mothers to get to a registration booth some time to-day if they want their babies to be in the running.

TRADES UNIONISTS MEET.
American Delegates at Congress in Manchester.

MANCHESTER, England, Sept. 1.—Unusual interest is attached to the forty-sixth annual Trades Union Congress which opened in Station Hall to-day, owing to the existing unrest in the labor world. The number of delegates is 563, making a record, and they represent a membership of 2,250,000 workmen of various trades. Among the delegates are C. L. Baine, of Boston, Mass., and Louis Kemper, of Cincinnati, Ohio, who represent the American Federation of Labor, while for the first time in the history of the Congress, Canada, Germany and France also are represented. Somewhere in the neighborhood of 100 resolutions, ranging from the wearing of trade union badges or buttons to ambitious schemes for the nationalization of the railroads were down on the paper for discussion.

An official reception by the Lord Mayor of Manchester, Samuel Walter Royle, and the municipality preceded the opening of the Congress.

V. J. Davis, chairman of the Parliamentary committee of the Trades Union Congress, presided and in his presidential address claimed that the trades unionists had originated or forced through Parliament most of the great reforms of the past half century. He expressed the fervent wish that Ireland's aspirations for home rule would soon be satisfied. The labor movement, he said, had a great task before it in the promotion of international peace.

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